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Application No.: 10/587,117	: Group Art Unit: 2622
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1-4, 6-10, 12 and 13, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: